

# *Purchasing Update*

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The beauty in you is your spirit.  
The strength in you is your endurance.  
The intelligence in you is your vastness.  
~ Yogi Teas



## **GOVERNOR'S BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Business Opportunity Conference presented by the Idaho Department of Commerce will be held October 31, 2007 at the Boise Centre on The Grove in downtown Boise, Idaho.

If you are not familiar with this event, it is a reverse trade show where state and federal agencies and large corporations set up booths and the business community comes to see us. Approximately 200 small businesses attend the conference each year. It has become a great opportunity for small, woman owned, and disadvantaged businesses to meet one-on-one with buyers. There is no fee for buyers. The Idaho Department of Commerce provides booth space, company sign cards, skirted tables and chairs, all at no cost. If your agency, city, county, school district, or other public entity would like to participate in this event or need more information, contact Sundi Neely at the Idaho Department of Commerce, (208) 334-2470 or email: [sundi.neely@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:sundi.neely@commerce.idaho.gov)

The Governor's Business Opportunity Conference is Idaho's largest and most successful business development event. In the past, the conference has enabled Idaho businesses to supply over \$10 million in goods and services to government agencies and to large corporations. With your support, they expect even greater opportunities for both buyers and sellers this year.

We strongly encourage you and your representatives to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Please join us in participating and let the businesses know what your Agency Services are all about.

To register, go to <https://labor.idaho.gov/applications/idahoevents/register.aspx?e=52>

## **TRAINING WORKSHOP'S**

The Division of Purchasing will be offering the basic purchasing class; "Introduction to Public Purchasing" in Coeur d'Alene on October 17, 2007. There is still time to register.

Visit our website for additional information and training dates. Other classes being offered are; Writing Effective Specifications and Developing a Request for Proposal, (RFP).

The Introduction to Idaho Public Purchasing seminar will present an overview of public purchasing basics designed for the new state employee from the private sector or someone new to procurement. It will include information on competitive bidding, purchasing limits, delegated authority, contracts, and purchasing ethics. The target audience is new state employees, persons who supervise purchasing activities, and employees charged with purchasing for their agency, regardless of their job title.

There is no cost to attend these seminars. Please register for these workshops online at:

<http://www.adm.idaho.gov/purchasing/training.htm> or call our office at (208) 327-7465 if you need additional information.

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2007-09**

August 31, 2007 – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter signed an executive order today relating to the State Procurement Process and International Outsourcing. Guidance as to how this will be implemented will be forth coming.

## **PROMOTIONS/NEW FACES**

**Heather McGill**, is the new Buyer for the Department of Water Resources. **Tiffany Chiles** is the new Financial Specialist for the Department of Insurance in the Purchasing/Inventory Division. **Karin Walser** is the new Contracts Program Specialist for the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Sincere apologies if I have missed someone. Please keep me informed of promotions, moves and changes so that we can share this information with others.

## **NEW CERTIFICATIONS**

Congratulations to our most recent purchasing personnel on their certifications. Please join us in recognizing these people for their hard work and dedication to the profession.



**Bonnie Sletten, CPPO**  
**Purchasing Officer**  
**Division of Purchasing**



**Sarah Hilderbrand, CPPO**  
**Purchasing Officer**  
**Division of Purchasing**

## **SICOMM NEWS/UPDATES**

Questions, or to report problems, you can reach me at 208-332-1606 or [Bonnie.Sletten@adm.idaho.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Sletten@adm.idaho.gov)  
Also, please contact me if you would like to sign up for the next training class.

## **STATEWIDE CONTRACT NEWS/UPDATES**

If you would like to participate or have input to offer as Statewide Contracts are re-bid, please e mail the  
Respective Purchasing Officer.

## **FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER**

According to the Georgian calendar, September is the ninth month. But, on the Roman calendar, it was the seventh month. September has had 29 days, and 31 days; but, since the time of the emperor Augustus, it has had only 30 days.

September is one of the warmest months in the Southern United States. Northern states have warm September days, but the nights get much cooler. It is also harvest time for crops. And, in Switzerland, it's called Harvest Month.

The Sapphire is the gem for September. The Morning Glory is the flower for the month of September.

## **IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**LABOR DAY** is the only legal holiday in September. It comes on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, and is celebrated in both the United States and Canada.

First Labor Day celebrated as a legal public holiday, September 3, 1894.

German troops invaded Poland, starting World War II in Europe, September 1, 1939.

President McKinley shot by an assassin, September 6, 1901.

First permanent white settlement in what is now America founded in St. Augustine, Fla., September 8, 1565.

Russians launched first rocket to the moon, September 12, 1959.

Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the attack on Fort McHenry, September 14, 1814.

Pilgrims sailed from England in the Mayflower, September 16, 1620

## **QUOTE FOR SEPTEMBER**

*You may only be one person to the world, but you may also be the world to one person. ---unknown*



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
A DAY WE SHALL  
NEVER FORGET

- More than 1.2 million cubic yards of earth and rock were excavated to make way for the World Trade Center. The excavated material was placed in the [Hudson River](#) to create 23.5 acres of new land deeded to the City of New York. This landfill area is now Battery Park City.
- More than 200,000 tons of steel — far more than the amount required for the construction of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge — was used in the World Trade Center's construction.
- The 425,000 cubic yards of concrete used in building the World Trade Center is enough to build a five-foot wide sidewalk from [New York City](#) to Washington, D.C.

**The Flights**

**American Airlines Flight 11**

From: Boston, Massachusetts (Logan Airport)

To: Los Angeles, California

Lives: 92 people on board

Crashed into North Tower of World Trade Center at 8:46 AM

**United Airlines Flight 175**

From: Boston, Massachusetts (Logan Airport)

To: Los Angeles, California

Lives: 65 people on board

Crashed into South Tower of World Trade Center at 9:03 AM

**American Airlines Flight 77**

From: Washington, D.C. (Dulles Airport)

To: Los Angeles, CA

Lives: 64 people on board

Crashed into the Pentagon at 9:38 AM

**United Airlines Flight 93**

From: Newark, New Jersey

To: San Francisco, California

Lives: 44 people on board

Crashed into rural Pennsylvania (southeast of Pittsburgh)

**Victims** came from more than 90 countries around the world, following are the # of people who died at each site:

World Trade Center	2,823 (includes airline passengers)
Pentagon	125 (not including plane victims)
Flight 11	92 people on board
Flight 175	64 people on board
Flight 77	64 people on board
Flight 93	44 people on board

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